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55/271. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999, 54/243 B of 15 June 2000 and 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000,[1] his report on the budget for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and of his report on the budget for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[2]

[1] A/55/861.
[2] A/55/862.
[3] A/55/882.

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a Security Council mandate;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

6. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

7. *Also decides* to continue the five hundred and sixty-two support account-funded temporary posts;

8. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

9. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit revised resource requirements for the support account prior to the opening of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the intention of the Secretary-General, as reflected in paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to introduce changes in the presentation of the support account budget document in conformity with General Assembly resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a more consistent and balanced presentation of proposals for all the departments;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to address the need for streamlining the contingent-owned equipment procedures, including processing claims and memoranda of understanding, and to strengthen the Finance Management and Support Service in the area of claims processing, and to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-sixth session, concrete remedial proposals to address adequately the concerns raised in paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Decides* to appropriate the commitment authority of 3,501,600 United States dollars approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/243 A;

14. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements in the amount of 73,645,500 dollars gross (64,361,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

15. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,300,900 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of 1,273,000 dollars in miscellaneous and interest income, and to prorate the balance of 75,846,200 dollars gross (66,562,500 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to

meet the resources required for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.

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55/272. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/278 of 15 June 2000,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

4. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 8,982,600 United States dollars gross (8,174,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

5. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 430,500 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, the interest income of 289,000 dollars and miscellaneous income of 340,000 dollars, that is, a total of 1,059,500 dollars, to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

[1] A/55/714 and A/55/830.
[2] A/55/874 and Add.8.
[3] A/55/874/Add.8.

6. *Also decides* to prorate the balance of 7,923,100 dollars gross (7,114,900 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, thirteen Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

8. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-sixth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

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55/273. Experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 9 of its resolution 54/241 A of 23 December 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

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[1] A/55/735.
[2] A/55/828.

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55/274. Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 54/19 A of 29 October 1999 and 54/19 B of 15 June 2000,

Recalling also its decision 55/452 of 23 December 2000, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene the post-Phase V Working Group,

Having considered the report of the post-Phase V Working Group on reformed procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment,[1] as transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, the report of the Secretary-General,[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the post-Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment and troop costs, as outlined in paragraph 17 of the report of the Secretary-General,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Affirms* the importance of conducting peacekeeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and effectiveness and the need to minimize delays in processing reimbursements to troop- and equipment-contributing countries;

4. *Recognizes* the fact that delay and uncertainty in reimbursements to troop-contributing countries of troop and contingent-owned equipment costs adversely impact on the ability of current and potential troop-contributing countries to participate effectively in United Nations peacekeeping operations, and in this context emphasizes the need for all

[1] See A/C.5/55/39.
[2] A/55/815.
[3] A/55/887.

Member States to pay their assessed contributions to all peacekeeping operations in full, on time and without preconditions;

5. *Stresses* that necessary resources should be provided to the Secretariat to allow verifications to be conducted to confirm, before deployment, the preparedness of each potential troop contributor and to ensure that standards continue to be met in accordance with the provisions of the relevant memoranda of understanding;

6. *Notes* that the evaluation and standardization of United Nations peacekeeping training are currently being developed by the Secretariat in consultation with troop-contributing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this important issue to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, through the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, for approval of these standards;

7. *Recognizes* the need for providing specific guidance on the methodology of reimbursement for troop costs;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its approval at its resumed fifty-sixth session, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, a methodology for reimbursement for troop costs, covering troops and formed police units, and a questionnaire to be submitted to troop-contributing countries, on the basis of the following elements and guidelines:

(*a*) Troops, formed civilian police units and staff officers serving in United Nations peacekeeping operations shall be reimbursed on an equal basis for identical services;

(*b*) Reimbursement for troop costs shall take into consideration, inter alia, general principles such as simplicity, equity, transparency, comprehensiveness, portability, financial control and audit and confirmed delivery of specified services, all of which shall be built into the agreements entered into by the United Nations with the participating States;

(*c*) The data for this survey shall identify the common and essential additional costs from existing troop levels related to personnel that are incurred by troop-contributing countries due to their participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations, including the establishment of a standard vaccination package and identification of mission-specific vaccines and mission-specific medical and biochemical examinations, using the data available from the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, that could be liable for reimbursement;

(*d*) The methodology shall ensure that no double payment is made with respect to reimbursement between the various levels of self-sustainment, components of troop costs and any other allowances;

9. *Decides* that a future standard rate of reimbursement for troop costs should be based on new survey data that is representative of the costs incurred by around 60 per cent of countries that have contributed troops to peacekeeping operations;

10. *Decides also*, on an interim and ad hoc basis, to increase the standard rate of reimbursement for troop costs to troop-contributing countries by 2 per cent, effective 1 July 2001;

11. *Decides further* that an additional 2 per cent increase, on an interim and ad hoc basis, will be effective as of 1 January 2002, bringing the total increase of the current rate of reimbursement for troop costs to 4 per cent;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the practical aspects of the wet-lease, dry-lease and self-sustainment arrangements, including the effectiveness of the contingent-owned equipment procedures to ascertain the capacity of troop-contributing countries to meet the requirements for wet-lease and self-sustainment provisions of the contingent-owned equipment arrangements and the need to ensure the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations, including through a consistent implementation of the standards set out in the contingent-owned equipment manual, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

13. *Stresses* the need for the Secretariat to meet its obligations, in full, as agreed upon in the memoranda of understanding, in a timely manner, so as to ensure operational effectiveness of the troops in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

14. *Takes note* of the views of the Secretariat regarding the possibility of reviewing, subject to future experience, the procedures for settlement of liability for damages for major equipment used by one country and owned by another country, and decides that the liability for damage to major equipment used by one country and owned by another country should be based on the relevant provisions of their memoranda of understanding in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the United Nations;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene in 2004 an open-ended working group of experts, for a period of no less than ten working days, to hold a triennial review of reimbursement rates for contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, including medical services;

16. *Decides* to keep this matter under review at its fifty-sixth session.

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55/275. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1332 (2000) of 14 December 2000,

Recalling its resolutions 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 and 54/260 B of 15 June 2000 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, in particular those paragraphs regarding the peacekeeping budgetary cycles, which should be adhered to in the future budgeting process, where possible;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 32.7 million United States dollars, representing some 16 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 64 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member

[1] A/55/935.
[2] A/55/874 and A/55/941.

States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Expresses concern* about the high level of unliquidated obligations in the Mission as at 30 June 2000;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 58,681,000 dollars gross (58,441,000 dollars net), as previously authorized and apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolutions 54/260 A and B for the establishment and operation of the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

15. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 232,119,600 dollars gross (229,085,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, inclusive of the amount of 141,319,000 dollars gross (140,827,100 dollars net) previously authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 54/260 B and of 49,865,400 dollars gross (49,530,700 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A, and authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments for

[3] A/55/941.

the Mission for the same period in the amount not exceeding 41 million dollars gross and net;

16. *Decides further*, taking into account the amount of 141,319,000 dollars gross (140,827,100 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 54/260 A, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 83,233,883 dollars gross (80,903,625 dollars net) for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 15 June 2001 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 2,330,258 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 15 June 2001;

18. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 7,566,717 dollars gross (7,354,875 dollars net) for the period from 15 to 30 June 2001, in accordance with paragraph 16 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 June 2001;

19. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 211,842 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 15 to 30 June 2001;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,409,600 dollars gross (3,605,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and as adjusted by the Assembly in subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998–2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

21. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 3,409,600 dollars gross (3,605,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides further* to appropriate for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 the amount of 200 million dollars gross (194,823,300 dollars net) to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with paragraph 16 above, at the monthly rate of 33,333,333 dollars gross (32,470,550 dollars net), subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 30 June 2001;

23. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in

paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 5,176,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001;

24. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 8,260,509 dollars gross (7,249,409 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 862,915 dollars gross (774,893 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with paragraph 16 above, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 4,130,254 dollars gross (3,624,704 dollars net) for the support account and 431,457 dollars gross (387,446 dollars net) for the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessments for the year 2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, 4,130,255 dollars gross (3,624,705 dollars net) for the support account and 431,458 dollars gross (387,447 dollars net) for the Logistics Base for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

25. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,011,100 dollars for the support account and 88,022 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base approved for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, 505,550 dollars for the support account and 44,011 dollars for the Logistics Base being amounts pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the balance, that is, 505,550 dollars for the support account and 44,011 dollars for the Logistics Base pertaining to the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

26. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

27. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

28. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

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